

**Brookline Tree Planting Committee (TPC)**  
**Minutes – June 17, 2009**

**Attending:** Hugh Mattison (Chairman), Susan Adams, Margie Greville, Tom Brady (Tree Warden) Public: Helen Herman, Jerry Kampler

**Status of spring planting** (Tom Brady) – 220 trees (park and street) were planted this spring. About 100 trees were bought last year for \$80 each vs. the usual \$260. A small crew has been sub-contracted for spring planting. Ten sweetgums along the MBTA tracks on Beacon Street have died and been replaced with columnar red maples. Another 7 sweetgums will be replaced with Accolade elms; poor soil is the likely problem. Some gator bags are being used. The Forestry garage is moving from Larz Anderson Park to Hammond Street. In parks, 2 beech have been planted at Longwood Mall and 2 willows at Griggs Park. Six Lewis tree crews (2 for removal, 2 for pruning, 1 stump grinding, 1 climbing) are working in South Brookline, and will start on Beacon Street next. Tom will be on 2 week's vacation starting June 29. Tom agreed to write a short article for the Tab about the Asian Longhorned beetle, which affect hardwoods, especially maple and ash.

**Linking with Brookline Schools** – Susan expressed an interest in curriculum development with the Brookline Schools. Hugh will contact Henry Warren to try to set up a meeting in June possibly joint with BGSA.

**Public outreach** - Jerry Kampler asked what outreach was made to residents. Hugh responded that last year, a list of planting locations was put on the Town website, and postcards mailed to abutters. This year, we plan to survey each planting location, hang a "congratulations" tag on abutters' doors, and send out a postcard with watering instructions during the dry season.

**Website enhancement** – Hugh will draft a mission statement, Margie will work on a Frequently Asked Questions page, and Susan will develop a list of useful links to other websites. Hugh will send URL's for the current Town website.

**Trust funds** – the fiscal year ends on June 30. There is a need for a summary of balances at fiscal year end and a short description of each fund. (Hugh to work on this)

**Park Survey for new trees** – Hugh will ask Erin Gallentine to identify a member of Park & Rec. Commission to collaborate with the TPC for a survey in the fall. Hugh will also research what trees are less susceptible to pavement heaving.

**Schedule for future meetings** – meetings will be scheduled bi-monthly through year-end at 4:30 pm. The August 18 meeting will be a site visit to Beacon Street. A September 15 site visit to the Cleveland Road area will be tentatively planned. Monthly meetings on October 20 and December 15 are also planned.

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